

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/674,590
Reply to Office Action dated February 16, 2006

Remarks:

Applicant has read and considered the Office Action dated February 16, 2006.

In the Action, restriction was required between the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A: wherein the data set comprises DNA information, claims 2-9; and

Species B: wherein the data set comprises a data set other than DNA, claims 1 and 10.

The Action indicated that claim 1 is generic but that a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits must be selected even though the requirement is traversed.

Applicant hereby elects Species A, claims 2-9 with traverse. Applicant asserts that claim 1 is indicated as being generic and Applicant asserts that claim 1 is allowable. Applicant requests withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement upon the allowance of generic claim 1.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.



Respectfully submitted,

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